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CODEL-FAIRLESS. Although this is not a Congressional delegation, the Department is designating it as such for purposes of identification. The group's Chairman is Mr. Benjamin F. Fairless, and a copy of a letter of his appointment as such by the President is attached hereto. As further background information, see also the Department's CA-3327 of October 17, 1956.

In addition to Mr. Fairless (Adviser and Chairman), the following persons will compose the group to study the Mutual Security Program: (All are cleared for Top Secret.)

Mr. Benjamin F. Fairless, Adviser and Chairman
Dr. Colgate W. Darden, Jr., Adviser
Mr. John L. Lewis, Adviser
Mr. Jesse W. Tapp, Adviser
Mr. Whitelaw Reid, Adviser
Mr. Howard J. Mullin, Executive Director
Mr. Donald B. Woodward, Staff Director
Commander Means Johnston, Jr., USN, Military Adviser
Dr. Jack F. Bennett, Economist
Captain Robert L. Gilman, USN, Medical Officer
Chief Warrant Officer Jack Cutcomb, USN, Secretary
Benjamin J. Flukus, SDC, USN, Steward

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For your information, Mr. Fairless is President of the American Iron and Steel Institute; Dr. Darden, is President of the University of Virginia; Mr. Lewis is President of the United Mine Workers of America; Mr. Tapp is Board Chairman of the Bank of America; and Mr. Reid is Board Chairman of the New York Herald Tribune.

The party will be traveling in SAM Aircraft No. 3229 throughout the trip. Mr. Jesse W. Tapp will return to the United States via commercial air from Athens on January 10, and his travel arrangements are being made for him.

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CLEARANCES:

H-Mr. Leahy

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The provisions of the Handbook for Congressional Foreign Travel apply. Meet upon all arrivals in accordance with their itinerary which is attached, assist through customs, and appoint Control Officers and confirm their names to the Department. The Control Officers are requested to communicate with Mr. Mullin upon the group's arrival, as he will be acting as control officer for the Codel.

The Disbursing Officers are requested to make disbursements for hotel accommodations for the official party chargeable to Appropriation Symbol No. 1171-075(71), subject to reimbursement upon presentation of vouchers.

All posts are required to make the best available hotel accommodations (singles with adjoining baths where possible) for the members of the official party and confirm to the Department. The following are their hotel preferences in some of the areas:

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| Madrid - Castellano Hilton | Saigon - Magestic |
| Paris - Crillon, Ritz, or George V | Taipei - Grand Hotel Annex |
| Athens - Athenae Palace | Tokyo - Imperial |
| Istanbul - Hilton | Honolulu - Royal Hawaiian |
| Teheran - Park | |
| Karachi - Metropole | |

The crew will consist of three officers and five enlisted men who desire moderate-priced hotel accommodations. All posts are requested to make such reservations and confirm to the Department. Their preferences in the following areas are

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|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Madrid - Castellano Hilton | Bangkok - Correnet |
| Paris - Prince de Galles | Saigon - Magestic |
| Bonn - Insul | Manila - Bay View |
| Athens - Athenae Palace | Hong Kong - Golden Gate |
| Istanbul - Hilton | Taipei - Grand Hotel Annex |
| Ankara - Ankara Palace | Tokyo - Nakatsu |
| Karachi - Metropole | Honolulu - Edgewater Reef |
| New Delhi - Claridge | |

Country teams are requested to make the following arrangements:

1. Oral, repeat oral, briefings of the Committee on the political situation and the U.S. economic and military programs with comments on their effectiveness and suggestions for their improvement should be set up. Members of the Committee staff will give attention to written briefing materials which the country teams may wish to submit. It is suggested that materials provided for the Senate Foreign Relations Committee consultants who have visited most of the addressees may serve this purpose, also.

2. Committee members will wish to make a limited number of field trips outside each capital to see illustrative economic and military activities

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supported by the MSP. It should be remembered that the Committee is on an extended and trying trip, so that each Mission should plan its field trips to provide the greatest insight into the living conditions of the local people and the efforts of the MSP with the least trying effect upon the Committee members.

3. ~~DELETED~~ The Committee will wish informal interviews with a very limited number of the key local officials in each country. This should be the chief of state or prime minister and the foreign or finance minister — ~~whichever~~ whichever local top officials are best able to discuss the meaning of the MSP for their country. The Committee especially desires audiences with Marshal Tito, Presidents Chiang, Rhee, Diem, and Magsaysay, Prime Minister Nehru, Chancellor Adenauer, and the Governor-General of Hong Kong.

4. Some time should be left free for discussions with non-government authorities. ~~AM~~ In some cases, names of specific people will be furnished by the advisers.

5. The Committee recognizes that courtesy and protocol in some areas will require acceptance of invitations ~~and~~ to luncheons and dinners, and the members are willing to accept such invitations. However, the Committee wishes that such courtesy entertainment be held to the absolute minimum. The Committee is also agreeable to Embassy luncheons and/or dinners designed for their meeting local people and otherwise advance the purposes of their survey; but it hopes that any such affairs will be kept very small and informal, to allow serious discussions. The Committee would like to have no, repeat no, formal receptions, cocktail parties or other large gatherings. Members of the official party will carry dinner jackets.

6. In view of the fatiguing schedule, the members of the Committee would like to have a reasonable amount of free time interspersed during the period of each visit. The Department suggests, for example, that briefings be limited to no more than two or two and one-half hours at a session and that they end in the afternoon no later than 3:30 or 4:00 o'clock.

7. The Committee would welcome a moderate amount of sight-seeing.

In addition to being met at each arrival and accompanied by a Control Officer also upon departure, it is also requested that a covered truck be provided for their baggage, that a military guard be provided for the airplane, as appropriate; and that provision for receipt and stowage of classified documents be made.

The Committee itself desires no press contacts unless such is specifically recommended by the post, but there will be a brief press statement furnished upon each arrival.

In Hong Kong, a political briefing by the Consul General would be agreeable, in addition to meeting the Governor-General, although the stopover is more of

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rest period for the group, as is Istanbul.

A briefing in Honolulu by CINCPAC ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ is desired.

Madrid, Paris, Bonn, Vienna, Belgrade, and Athens are requested to send their proposed schedules to the Department for comment and approval by the Committee prior to December 20.

Istanbul, Ankara, Teheran, Karachi, New Delhi, and Rangoon are requested to send their proposed schedules to the Committee in care of the Embassy in Bonn for the group's review and comment during its stay there from January 3 to January 5.

Bangkok, Saigon, Manila, Hong Kong, Taipei, Seoul, and Tokyo are requested to send their proposed schedules to Manila for the group's review and comment during their stay there from January 31 to February 2.

The following additional arrangements are desired if feasible: Ambassador, MAAG Chief, USOM Director Portugal, plus Ambassador Morocco and Commander 17th Air Force to brief Advisers at Madrid; Ambassador U.S.S.R. at Bonn or Vienna; and the Ambassador, MAAG Chief and USOM Director Cambodia, plus Ambassador and USOM Director Laos at Bangkok or Saigon; and the Ambassador Afghanistan at Karachi.

In case of inconsistencies between the GMT time and the local times on flight schedules, GMT times will be controlling. (They are listed on page 5 of this instruction.)

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Enclosures:

1. Itinerary of Codel-Fairless (3 pages).
2. To Mr. Fairless
3. List of arrival and departure times.

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The following arrivals and departures are stated in Greenwich Meridian

Time:

| <u>Arrive</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Depart</u> |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| | Washington | 271717 |
| 280230 | Azores | 280400 |
| 280830 | Madrid | 311130 |
| 311430 | Paris | 031100 |
| 031230 | Rome | 050900 |
| 051100 | Vienna | 071330 |
| 071530 | Belgrade | 091130 |
| 091345 | Athens | 111215 |
| 111400 | Istanbul | 140645 |
| 140800 | Ankara | 160700 |
| 161100 | Tehran | 180530 |
| 181000 | Karachi | 220400 |
| 220645 | New Delhi | 250330 |
| 250900 | Rangoon | 270530 |
| 270715 | Bangkok | 290200 |
| 290400 | Saigon | 310500 |
| 310900 | Manila | 020100 |
| 020400 | Hong Kong | 050100 |
| 050315 | Taipei | 070100 |
| 070615 | Seoul | 090200 |
| 090500 | Tokyo | 121100 |
| 122000 | Midway | 122130 |
| 122630 | Honolulu | 160800 |
| 161700 | San Francisco | 170700 |
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Dear Ben:

I am delighted to learn that you have agreed to serve with a group of other distinguished citizens as an adviser on the Mutual Security Program and to act as coordinator of the activity of the group. There is a job of major importance to be done in this field, one that vitally affects the security and the welfare of the United States.

Over the period of the next few months I hope that this group will study and make recommendations on the purposes, scope, development, operation, and effect of the military, economic, technical, and other foreign assistance programs in relationship to the foreign policy and national interest of the United States.

I would also like to receive your views on the possible magnitude and duration of our Mutual Security Programs, taking into account the capabilities of the United States to provide military and economic aid in the light of its resources and other obligations, and the geographic distribution and composition of such programs.

Finally, I think the Committee should address itself to the methods of developing and carrying out the programs, in the most effective and economical manner, in order to achieve their agreed purposes.

Among the various problems which you will consider in your study, I would, among other points, welcome the views of the Advisers on the following:

- a. The balance among programs of military, economic, financial, and technical assistance.
- b. Means of achieving flexibility and continuity in the handling of foreign assistance programs.
- c. The form, terms, and conditions under which assistance is made available to foreign countries.
- d. The relationship between programs for the disposal of surplus agricultural products and our Mutual Security Programs, and the operation, coordination, and effect of the agricultural surplus programs.
- e. The role of public lending institutions and ways in which they and private investment can be stimulated to supplement foreign assistance programs.
- f. The relative advantages of providing assistance on a bilateral or multilateral basis (either regional or global, through the United Nations or other international agencies).

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g. The relative advantage of providing assistance on a grant or loan basis.

If the results of your deliberations are to be reflected in legislation which I may submit to the next Congress, it is important that I receive a progress report by December 1, 1956, and your final report by March 1, 1957.

I would also hope that you will exert every effort to keep in close touch, in the course of your study, with the Congressional Committees which are also undertaking examinations of aspects of our Mutual Security Programs.

Sincerely,

/s/
Dwight D. Eisenhower.

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